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1. DELEGATION REPRESENTING FOUNDATION CONSISTING OF
CONGRESSMAN JAMES MANN, RABBI KORFF AND MRS.FRANCES
KNIGHT PARISH ARRIVED IN CAIRO SUNDAY MAY 7, AND WAS
MET AT AIRPORT BY REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC
INSTITUTE. EGYPTIAN HOST FOR GROUP WAS AMBASSADOR
MOHSIN ABAZA, DIRECTOR OF DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE WHICH
FUNCTIONS UNDER EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. ABAZA AND HIS STAFF ARRANGED PROGRAM FOR DELEGATION
INCLUDING MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS DR. BOUTROS GHALI, DINNER HOSTED BY ABAZA MONDAY
NIGHT AT WHICH DELEGATION MET MINISTER OF EDUCATION
HELMI AND OTHER EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS, INTERVIEWS
AND OTHER MEETING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE TWO EGYPTIAN
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CANDIDATES FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP, AND MEET-
ING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT TUESDAY AFTERNOON MAY 9. GROUP
HAD SHORTENED VISIT TO EGYPT BY TWO DAYS AND PLANNED TO
LEAVE ON MAY 9, BUT SESSION WITH PRESIDENT SADAT COULD
NOT BE ARRANGED ON SUCH NOTICE PARTICULARLY SINCE
PRESIDENT WAS IN ALEXANDRIA. GROUP THEREFORE DROVE TO
ALEXANDRIA MORNING OF MAY 9 AND RETURNED SAME EVENING.

GROUP DEPARTED FOR U.S. ON MAY 10.

3. THE EGYPTIAN CANDIDATES ARE MOHAMED ANWAR BOURHAN SAID, AND MOHAMED FOUAD SHEBL, BOTH DIPLOMATS AND BOTH CURRENTLY STUDENTS AT DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE. SAID, BORN 1951, GRADUATED FROM CAIRO UNIVERSITY COMMERCE FACULTY IN 1975, WORKED THREE YEARS AT ARAB AFRICAN BANK, IS SON OF MINISTRY OF TOURISM UNDERSECRETARY BOURHAN SAID. SHEBL, BORN 1949, GRADUATED FROM AUC FACULTY AND IN 1977 JOINED FOREIGN MINISTRY. HIS FATHER IS FORMER AMBASSADOR FOUAD SHEBL. CONGRESSMAN MANN TOLD PAO BOTH CANDIDATES WERE FLUENT IN ENGLISH, ARTICULATE, VERY BRIGHT, AND WOULD BE OUTSTANDING INTERNS.

4. ALTHOUGH DELEGATION IS OFFERING ONLY WHAT RABBI KORFF CALLED "TUITION SCHOLARSHIP" AND NOT ROOM AND BOARD, EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AGREED TO PAY THE REMAINING COSTS AND PLANS FOR EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO SUPERVISE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

5. CONGRESSMAN MANN TOLD PAO THAT GROUP WAS PLEASED WITH CAIRO VISIT AND FULLY SATISFIED WITH TWO EGYPTIAN CANDIDATES. HE SAID THAT THE EGYPTIANS, ALONG WITH THE IRANIANS, WERE THE BEST ORGANIZED FOR THE VISIT. THE GROUP SAW EVERYONE THEY WANTED TO SEE, DESPITE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY NUMEROUS CHANGES IN PLAN. AMBASSADOR HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREED TO MEET WITH THE GROUP, BUT GROUP DID NOT FOLLOW-UP PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF SHORTNESS OF STAY AND FACT THAT GROUP HAD TO GO TO ALEXANDRIA FOR SADAT MEETING. EILTS

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